

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2002
Prepared on August 9, 2002

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF "WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN - CENTRAL COASTAL BASIN" (BASIN PLAN) REGARDING REFERENCE OF THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD "NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM" AND RESTRUCTURING THE BASIN PLAN NONPOINT SOURCE INFORMATION, FINDINGS, AND REQUIREMENTS.

SUMMARY

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) Staff is proposing an amendment to its Water Quality Control Plan - Central Coastal Basin, 1994 (Basin Plan). The Basin Plan serves as the cornerstone water quality protection policy and legal standards for the Central Coast. It identifies beneficial uses of surface and ground waters, establishes water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses, and provides an implementation plan to achieve those objectives.

The purpose of this amendment is to:

1. Reference the State Water Resources Control Board January 2000 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program.
2. Emphasize information and management actions contained in the January 2000 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program for the protection and restoration of riparian areas.
3. Restructure sections of the Basin Plan to move appropriate nonpoint source information, requirements, and prohibitions into one designated section of the Basin Plan. The section is titled Control of Nonpoint Source Pollutants.

This amendment is presented to the Board for review and consideration.

DISCUSSION

In November 1988, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted a Nonpoint Source Management Plan that outlined steps to initiate the systematic management of nonpoint sources in California. The Nonpoint Source Management Plan was revised to the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (January 2000) in December 1999. Resolution 99-114, revising the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on December 14, 1999 pursuant to Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

The 2000 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program is a coordinated statewide approach to managing nonpoint source pollution structured around 61 management measures. Management measures serve as goals for the control and prevention of polluted runoff. Site-specific management practices are used to achieve the goals of each management measure. Implementation of management measures will occur using a fifteen-year strategy with three nested five-year implementation plans. The fifteen-year strategy and each five-year implementation plan use an iterative program process.

Staff is proposing revision of the Basin Plan because the State Water Resources Control Board, through Resolution 99-114, adopted a revised

Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (January 2000) in December 1999.

Resolution No. 99-114 directs regional boards to implement the state Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program. The Basin Plan for the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region includes the state November 1988, Nonpoint Source Management Plan. This amendment updates the Basin Plan to comply with Resolution No. 99-114.

The information utilized in the proposed revision comes from the Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (January 2000) and the Water Quality Control Plan - Central Coastal Basin, (September 1994). The revision proposes to reference the State Water Resources Control Board January 2000 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program, emphasize information and management actions contained in the January 2000 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program for the protection and restoration of riparian areas, and restructure sections of the Basin Plan to move appropriate nonpoint source information, requirements, and prohibitions into one designated section of the Basin Plan. The section is titled Control of Nonpoint Source Pollutants.

Below is a summary of all edits, additions, and changes in Chapter Four (4), Chapter Five (5), and Appendices of the Basin Plan. Chapter 4 edits, additions, and changes are shown in Attachment B. Chapter 5 edits, additions, and changes are shown in Attachment C. Appendices edits are shown in Attachment D.

Chapter 4

1. Page IV-1, edited Table of Contents.
2. Pages IV-5 and IV-6, Section V.A.7. BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, Moved to page IV-45, Section VIII. CONTROL OF NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTANTS. Once Section moved, made minor clerical edits, then deleted Section V.A.7. BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, on Pages IV-5 and IV-6 of Chapter 4.
3. Pages IV-7 and IV-8, Section V.B. NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM, Moved to page IV-44, Section VIII. Once Section

moved, major edits using language from "Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (January 2000)", then deleted Section V.B. NONPOINT SOURCE PROGRAM, on Pages IV-7 and IV-8 of Chapter 4.

4. Pages IV-44 and IV-45, Section VIII. NONPOINT SOURCE MEASURES - Title of Section VIII. changed to CONTROL OF NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTANTS. Major edits to Section VIII. using language from "Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (January 2000)".

Added section titled BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, using information from Pages IV-5 and IV-6, Section V.A.7. BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. Minor clerical edits made to the new Section.

5. Pages IV-45 and IV-46, Section VIII.A. COASTAL ZONE ACT REAUTHORIZATION AMENDMENTS, delete information contained in the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendment section. The Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments are addressed in the "Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (January 2000)".
6. Pages IV-45 and IV-46, Rename Section VIII.A. Wetlands, Riparian Areas, and Vegetated Treatment Systems, using information from "Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (January 2000)", Page 152, Section G Wetlands, Riparian Areas, and Vegetated Treatment Systems. Minor clerical edits made to the new Section.

Three headings added "Recommended Actions", "Control Actions", and "Prohibitions". Under "Recommended Actions" repeated four management measures from Page 152, Section G Wetlands, Riparian Areas, and Vegetated Treatment Systems. Under "Control Actions", repeated three items found in Chapter V, Management Principles, Section III.A. GENERAL, three items found in Chapter V, Management Principles, Section III.C. DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATERS, and one item found in Chapter V, Section V.G. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION.

7. Pages IV-68 and IV-69, Section VIII.E. LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES, added header "Recommended Actions". Under "Recommended Actions" added sub-headers "Erosion Study Recommendations" and "Actions By Other Authorities".

Under "Recommended Actions" repeated three items found in Chapter V, Management Principles, Section III.A. General.

8. Pages IV-68 and IV-69, Section VIII.E. LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES, added header "Control Actions" and repeated three items found in Chapter V, Management Principles, Section III.C. Discharge to Surface Waters, moved items 1 through 7 from Section V.G. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION, and moved items 3 through 7 from Section III.G. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL.
9. Page IV-70, Section VIII.E.1. LAND DISTURBANCE PROHIBITIONS, minor edits. Added reference, "For additional prohibitions see Chapter Five (5), Page V-7, Section IV. DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS."

Chapter 5

1. Page V-1, Section I. STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD PLANS AND POLICIES - Updated section to reflect "Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (January 2000)".
2. Page V-3, Section I.J. NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN - Updated section adding additional language to reflect "Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program (January 2000)".
3. Page V-7, Section III.G. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL - Delete Item 1, move Item 2 to Pages IV-68 and IV-69, Section VIII.E. LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES, under header "Recommendations", move Items 3 through 7 to Pages IV-68 and IV-69, Section VIII.E. LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES, under header "Control Actions", and delete last

paragraph. Once the appropriate Items were moved to Chapter 4, made minor edits to Items 2 through 7, then deleted Section III.G. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL on Page V-7 of Chapter 5.

4. Pages V-13 and 14, Section V.G. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION -, move Items 1 through 7 to Pages IV-68 and IV-69, Section VIII.E. LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES, under header "Control Actions" and move Item 8 to Pages IV-68 and IV-69, Section VIII.E. LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES, under header "Recommendations", and delete last paragraph of Section V.G. Page V-14. Once the appropriate Items were moved to Chapter 4, made minor edits to Items 1 through 7, then deleted Section V.G. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION on Pages V-13 and 14 of Chapter 5.
5. Pages V-15 and V-16, Section V.H.10. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL - Move Items 1 through 8 to Pages IV-68 and IV-69, Section VIII.E. LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITIES, under header "Recommendations" (ACTIONS BY OTHER AUTHORITIES). Once the appropriate Items were moved to Chapter 4, deleted Section V.H.10. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL on Pages V-15 and V-16 of Chapter 5.

Appendices

1. Revise Plans and Policies Appendix "Table of Contents" to show deletion of Appendix A-10, Nonpoint Source Management Plan.
2. Delete Appendix A-10, Nonpoint Source Management Plan (November 1988). This appendix references an outdated version of the State Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

A Notice of Public Hearing has been circulated. A Notice of Filing, Written Report, and Environmental Checklist (Attachment E) will be prepared and circulated to interested agencies and persons prior to consideration of any Basin Plan

amendment. This will satisfy the environmental documentation requirements of both the California Environmental Quality Act, under Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and the Federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 92-500 and PL 95-217).

COMMENTS

1. **Comment:**

Response:

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Board should adopt the attached Resolution R3-2002-0093 (Attachment A), as proposed. Resolution R3-2002-0093 approves revision of the Basin Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A. Resolution R3-2002-0093
- Attachment B. Revised Basin Plan Chapter Four
- Attachment C. Revised Basin Plan Chapter Five
- Attachment D. Revised Basin Plan Appendix
- Attachment E. CEQA Checklist
- Attachment F. Notice of Public Hearing Notice of Filing a Draft Environmental Document
- Attachment G. Letter to Interested Persons
- Attachment H. Letter to Legal Notice Department